

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

Provides formula allocations and competitively awarded grants to eligible states, cities, and nonprofit organizations to provide housing assistance and related supportive services to meet the housing needs of low-income persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS. These resources help clients maintain housing stability, avoid homelessness, and improve access to HIV/AIDS treatment and related care while placing a greater emphasis on permanent supportive housing.

Nature of Program: The HOPWA program was established by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act and remains the only federal housing program solely dedicated to providing rental housing assistance for persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS. The program provides states and localities with resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS. Persons assisted with housing and/or supportive services under this part must have a medical diagnosis of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or Human Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV +) from a qualified healthcare professional.

Although a large majority of HOPWA grant funding (90 percent) is allocated by formula based on the number of cases and highest incidence of AIDS, approximately 10 percent is awarded for the renewal of permanent supportive housing projects, special projects of national significance, and for non-formula areas. Applicants for formula awards are the eligible states and the most populous city in each Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area that qualifies and follows HUD's Consolidated Planning process. Eligible competitive grant applicants include states, units of general local government, and nonprofit organizations.

Grants may be used to provide a variety of forms of rental housing assistance, including emergency and transitional housing, shared housing arrangements, community residences, and single room occupancy dwellings (SROs). Appropriate supportive services are provided as part of any assisted housing. Eligible grant activities include housing information services, resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction (for SROs and community residences only); project- or tenant-based rental assistance, including assistance for shared housing arrangements; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments; operating costs; technical assistance for community residences; administrative expenses; and supportive services, including case management.

Applicant Eligibility: States, units of local governments, and nonprofit organizations.

Legal Authority: The AIDS Housing Opportunity Act, Subtitle D of Title VIII of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 574 and part 91.

Administering Office: Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Sources: Administering office.

On the Web:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/aidshousing/p](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/aidshousing/programs)
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